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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, GENEVA, MAY 22-26, 1978

1. TENTH SESSION OF WORKING PARTY ON URBAN AND REGIONAL
PLANNING OF THE ECE WAS ATTENDED BY 23 NATIONS AND TWO
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. DELEGATES FOCUSSED ON FOL-
LOWING TOPICS: INTEGRATED PHYSICAL, SOCIO-ECONOMIC, AND
ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING; THE ROLE OF TRANSPORT IN URBAN
PLANNING AND URBAN RENEWAL; AND QUALITY OF LIFE.

2. THE HUNGARIAN DELEGATE (MR. J. BRENNER) WAS ELECTED
CHAIRMAN

3. ENERGY IMPACT ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: FOLLOWING REPORT
BY CANADA AND FRANCE ON THE ENERGY SEMINAR HELD
OCTOBER, 1977, THE WORKING PARTY AGREED THAT ENERGY
CONCERNS MUST BE CONSIDERED IN ITS CURRENT PROJECTS
AND FUTURE WORK PROGRAM.

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4. LAND USE POLICY: AFTER WIDESPREAD DISCUSSION ON THE
UPCOMING SEMINAR ON LAND USE POLICIES (JUNE 12 TO 17,
1978), IT WAS AGREED THAT THE RESULTS OF THIS SEMINAR
SHOULD BE COMPARED TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HBP
COMMITTEE'S 1965 SEMINAR ON LAND USE AND SUBSEQUENT
NATIONAL ACTIONS, AND THAT SUGGESTIONS FOR FURTHER ACTION

BE MADE TO THE HBP COMMITTEE AND THE PLANNING WORKING PARTY. FINALLY THE DELEGATES FOLLOWING A REPORT ON THE ECE'S LAND USE PLANNING PROJECTS FELT THAT THE WORKING PARTY COULD PARTICIPATE IN THE CONTEXT OF ITS LAND USE MANDATE.

5. HOUSING AND ITS IMMEDIATE ENVIRONMENT: THE DELEGATES POINTED TO THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THIS SUBJECT, ON WHICH A SEMINAR WILL BE CONVENED IN THE NETHERLANDS IN 1979, AND THE WORKING PARTY'S URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT AND AGREED THAT THE RAPPORTEUR FOR THE SEMINAR SHOULD TAKE PART IN THE WORKING PARTY'S 1978 AND 1979 URBAN RENEWAL SYMPOSIA. USDEL SEES THE SUBJECT OF HOUSING AND ITS IMMEDIATE ENVIRONMENT AS VERY WORTHWHILE.

6. SEISMIC URBAN AREAS: AT THE REQUEST OF THE APRIL 1978 WORKING PARTY ON THE BUILDING INDUSTRY SESSION, THE USSR DELEGATE PRESENTED A DETAILED REPORT ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SEISMIC URBAN CONSTRUCTION AND OVERALL PLANNING IN SEISMIC AREAS.

7. URBAN AND REGIONAL RESEARCH: THE FRENCH DELEGATE REPORTED ON THE NINTH MEETING OF THE WORKING PARTY'S GROUP OF EXPERTS ON URBAN AND REGIONAL RESEARCH. THE WORKING PARTY DISCUSSED GREATER COORDINATION BY THE GROUP OF EXPERTS WITH THE WORKING PARTY AND APPROVED THE A-UNCLASSIFIED

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GENDA FOR THE FOURTH RESEARCH CONFERENCE OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS TO BE HELD IN PARIS IN MAY 1980. THE USDEL AT THE NINTH MEETING OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS ASSISTED IN DEVELOPING ONE OF THE THEMES FOR THIS CONFERENCE (I.E., STRUCTURE OF URBAN NETWORKS FROM A METROPOLITAN CONTEXT). FINALLY THE ECE SECRETARY TOLD THE USDEL THAT ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE DIRECTORY OF NATIONAL BODIES CONCERNED WITH URBAN AND REGIONAL RESEARCH WOULD BE INCLUDED AS A MAJOR PART OF THE DOCUMENT; AT THE NINTH GROUP OF EXPERTS MEETING THIS WAS UNCLEAR.

8. INTEGRATED PLANNING: THE NORWEGIAN DELEGATE PRESENTED A REPORT ON THE AD HOC MEETING AND A BACKGROUND PAPER ON THIS MAJOR WORKING PARTY PROJECT. NORWAY WILL HOST A SEMINAR ON INTEGRATED PHYSICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PLANNING IN JUNE, 1979 IN BERGIN. MUCH DELEGATE DISCUSSION ENSUED, INCLUDING MAJOR USDEL INVOLVEMENT ON HOW TO PREPARE CASE STUDIES ON THE SUBJECT. CONCLUSION: THE BACKGROUND PAPER FOR CASE STUDIES WAS ACCEPTED BY THE DELEGATES AS A USEFUL GUIDE AS WAS THE SCHEDULE FOR THE SEMINAR PREPARATIONS AND EVENT. USDEL ACCEPTED ROLE OF CO-RAPPORTEUR ON THE SECOND THEME OF THE SEMINAR (STAGES

OF THE PLANNING PROCESS). USDEL WILL ALSO PREPARE A CASE STUDY PAPER FOR SEMINAR. THESE ARE IMPORTANT COMMITMENTS.

9. TRANSPORTATION IN URBAN PLANNING: THE NETHERLANDS DELEGATE REPORTED ON THE AD HOC MEETING HELD IN JANUARY 1978 ON THIS TOPIC. USDEL, ALONG WITH SEVERAL OTHER DELEGATIONS, PRESENTED URBAN TRANSPORT CASE STUDIES. THE USSR DELEGATE PROPOSED A TRANSPORT TOPIC FOR IN-DEPTH ONE-DAY DISCUSSION AT THE ELEVENTH WORKING PARTY ON THE EFFECTS OF PARKING POLICIES ON URBAN LAND USE AND QUALITY OF LIFE. CONCLUSION: DELEGATES AGREED TO THE USSR PROPOSAL AND SEVERAL COUNTRIES INCLUDING THE U.S. AGREED TO PREPARE A BRIEF CASE STUDY PAPER BY EARLY 1979 FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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10. URBAN RENEWAL AND QUALITY OF LIFE: THE SYMPOSIUM ON THIS TOPIC WHICH IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED THIS TENTH WORKING PARTY SESSION WAS DISCUSSED BY THE DANISH DELEGATE. PREPARATIONS FOR THE NEXT SYMPOSIUM ON THE SUBJECT

TO FOLLOW THE ELEVENTH WORKING PARTY WAS ALSO DISCUSSED BY THE GDR DELEGATE. THE USDEL HAS AGREED TO PREPARE A CASE STUDY PAPER FOR THE NEXT SYMPOSIUM ON URBAN RENEWAL WHICH WILL EMPHASIZE THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS AND MUST BE PREPARED BY MARCH, 1979.

11. CURRENT PLANNING TRENDS AND POLICIES: FIFTEEN COUNTRIES INCLUDING THE U.S. PRESENTED REPORTS ON THIS TOPIC. THE U.S. DELEGATION DISCUSSED THE RECENT NATIONAL URBAN POLICY WHICH PROVOKED MUCH INTEREST BY OTHER DELEGATES, SOME OF WHOSE COUNTRIES ARE DEVELOPING SIMILAR POLICIES TO CONSERVE AND RESTORE URBAN AREAS. ALL DELEGATES RECEIVED COPIES OF THE U.S. NATIONAL URBAN POLICY REPORT. AT THE NEXT WORKING PARTY SESSION THIS CURRENT PLANNING TRENDS TOPIC WILL BE TREATED DIFFERENTLY SINCE A SYNTHESIS OF EACH COUNTRY'S NATIONAL MONOGRAPH ON ITS UNCLASSIFIED

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PLANNING ASPECTS WILL BE PREPARED BY THE ECE FOR DISCUSSION AT THE SESSION.

12. COMMENT: USDEL BELIEVES THAT FOR NEXT SESSION THAT U.S. SHOULD ENCOURAGE WORKING PARTY TO FOCUS ITS PARTICULAR WORK ON (A) URBAN RENEWAL (REVITALIZATION) AND (B) INTEGRATED PLANNING SINCE THE U.S. CAN BOTH MAKE A CONTRIBUTION AND LEARN FROM EXPERIENCES OF OTHERS. THIS WAS ESPECIALLY OBVIOUS AT THE URBAN RENEWAL AND QUALITY OF LIFE SEMINARS HELD FROM 29 TO 31 MAY 1978. ALSO, ALL U.S. COMMITMENTS NOTED ABOVE MUST BE RECOGNIZED. VANDEN HEUVEL

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